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October 15, 1998

Larry Allred  
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3996 West 1500 North  
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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Activities, Wembco,  
D Trac Oil Sand Mine, S/047/068, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Allred:

Thank you for promptly responding to our September 30, 1998 letter. The deficiencies noted in that letter have now been adequately addressed. The small mine notice for your D Trac Oil Sand Mine located in Sections 23 and 24, T4S, R20E, SLBM, Uintah County, Utah is now complete and you may commence mining operations at your convenience.

For your reference please find a copy of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

If you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify our office in advance to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will

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forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anthony A. Gallegos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anthony A. Gallegos  
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: SMO Summary  
cc: Kiran Bhayani, DWQ  
Roger L. Bon, UGS  
Tracking File  
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